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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached document listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) is hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The presently submitted reference, Cite No. F1 as listed on the IDS List of References, was cited in a communication issued on November 17, 2009 by the Intellectual Property Office of Taiwan in a counterpart Taiwanese application.

The references presently being submitted are among three enumerated under a list of cited documents in, and listed on a search report accompanying, the Taiwanese IPO communication.

Prior to the one reference presently being submitted, the second and third of the references cited by the Taiwanese IPO were cited by the USPTO, at "A" and "B" on a Notice of References Cited, in an Office action of May 4, 2007 in the instant application. As these other two of the references cited by the Taiwanese IPO are

thus already of record as having been considered by the Examiner, they are not being submitted here.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite No. F1, an English translation of the Taiwanese IPO communication in its entirety, accompanied by the Taiwanese IPO search report, is submitted herewith. (A copy of the Taiwanese IPO communication in the original Chinese follows the search report.)

In addition, a search on *esp@cenet* for an English version of the abstract for Cite No. F1 indicates that while a direct English translation is not available, several U.S. patent publications correspond to Cite No. F1, and *esp@cenet* provides the English abstract for corresponding U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2004/012032 in particular as an English-language equivalent of the Chinese abstract. The *esp@cenet* page containing this abstract, and listing U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2004/012032 and three other U.S. patent publications among the several listed as corresponding to Cite No. F1, has been made available to Applicant's undersigned representative and is attached to the front of the reference.

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the list of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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